

## Beneficial Species Profile



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**Common Name:** Locust Blowfly

**Scientific Name:** *Stomorhina lunata*

**Order and Family:** Diptera: Calliphoridae (Rhiniinae)

**Size and Appearance:**

	Length (mm)	Appearance
<b>Egg</b>	1 mm	White; From one to several eggs laid in locust egg pods
<b>Larva/Nymph</b>	Up to 10 mm	Cream colored. Feeds on locust eggs.
<b>Adult</b>	6-10 mm	Grey green body with dark striping on thorax, male eyes red, abdomen yellow. Female eyes green to brown, abdomen dark.
<b>Pupa (if applicable)</b>	6-10 mm	Dark brown to black, pupates in egg burrow.

**Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.):** Larva: chewing parasitoid **Adult:** sucking

**Host/s:** Locusts (Orthoptera: Acrididae) including *Schistocerca gregaria*, desert locust and *Locustana migratoria*, migratory locust.

**Description of Benefits (predator, parasitoid, pollinator, etc.):** Parasitoid on eggs of migratory locusts.

**References:**

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